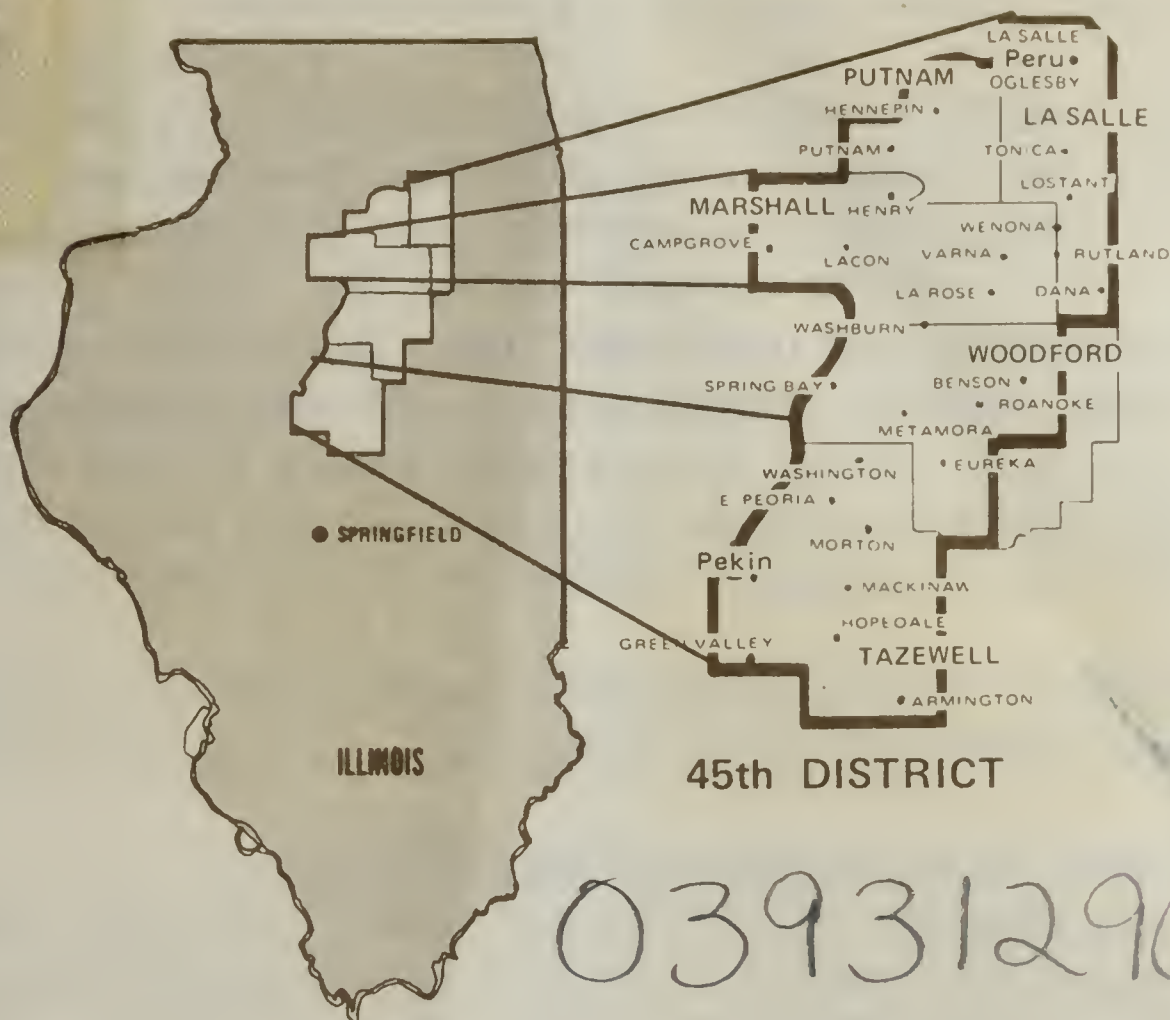


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GUIDE TO SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

By State Representative Donald B. Anderson

45th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT STATE OF ILLINOIS

- **CIRCUIT BREAKER** - Provides an annual cash grant for residents 65 years of age, or disabled, earning less than \$10,000 a year. Eligibility and the size of the grant depends on how much property tax or rent the person has paid in relation to their income. For additional information phone my office or the Hotline.
- **SALES TAX RELIEF** - Provides an annual cash grant of between \$50 and \$100 to Senior Citizens and Disabled persons who earn less than \$10,000 a year. Consideration for this program is automatically taken into account upon filing the "Circuit Breaker". For additional information phone my office or the Hotline.
- **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION** - For persons 65 years of age if they 1) own a home, 2) lease a home, paying taxes on it, 3) or share the mortgage on a home. A reduction of up to \$1,500 in equalized assessed property valuation is granted. This means a savings of \$75 to \$100 a year on your property tax bill. Contact your Township Assessor.
- **STATE INCOME TAX** - One added exemption of \$1000 is afforded each Illinois citizen over 65 years of age.
- **FEDERAL INCOME TAX** - An additional \$750 exemption is afforded to citizens 65 years of age.
- **MEDICARE** - Part A of Medicare: The nationally subsidized program of hospital insurance for those 65 or older. It helps pay the cost of care furnished by hospital, nursing homes, and home health agencies. Part B: Medical Insurances for doctors' bills, medical supplies and related costs, is voluntary. A monthly premium of \$7.70 is charged. If you qualify for Social Security, you qualify for Part A. Anyone 65 and over can purchase Part B. Contact your nearest Social Security Office.
- **MEDICAID** - Helps pay medical care costs for public aid recipients and others considered "medically needy". Need depends on family income and other assets considered available to pay medical bill. For further information, contact your County Public Aid Office.
- **SOCIAL SECURITY** - Monthly payments to assure a continuing income to retired and disabled workers and their dependents, and also, to survivors of deceased workers. Contact your local Social Security Office.
- **SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)** - This is a monthly payment from the Federal Government to assure a minimum income for the aged, blind, and disabled whose income is under \$177.80 a month or for couples at \$266.70 a month. You may be eligible and not know it. Contact your local Social Security Office.
- **EDUCATION** - Various colleges offer assorted privileges to Senior Citizens enrolled in their institutions.

Illinois Valley Community College
Rural Route 1
Oglesby, IL 61348
Phone: 815-224-6011

Senior Citizens over 65, of the IVCC District pay only \$1.00 per credit hour at IVCC.

Eureka College
300 East College Street
Eureka, IL 61350
Phone: 309-467-3721

If there is space, students over 60 pay a reduced tuition of \$15.00 per course at Eureka College.

Illinois Central College
P. O. Box 2400
East Peoria, IL 61611
Phone: 309-694-5011

While not offering a reduced tuition, ICC does provide for low cost mass transportation for Senior Citizens travelling to and from classes.

- **STATE FAIR** - Persons 60 and older enjoy reduced admission of 50 cents to the State Fair in Springfield every August. One day of the fair each year is set aside as Golden Age Day and Senior Citizens are admitted free.

- **NATIONAL PARKS** - The National Park Service offers free admission to 263 National Parks, Historic Sites and Monuments and 50 percent discount on camping and recreation fees. Write for your Golden Age Passport to:

National Park Service
2510 Dempster Street
Room 214
Des Plaines, IL 60016

or, visit any National Park Service Office, U. S. Department of the Interior.

- **SENIOR CITIZENS GROUPS** - Organizations and clubs set up on a local basis to offer communication and services to older Americans are steadily gaining support. For clubs in your area phone the Hotline or my office.
- **LEGAL AID** - While there are no legal agencies dealing specifically with Senior Citizens, county or area Legal Aid Offices are available for all who are qualified and need help. Phone the Hotline or my office.
- **FOOD STAMPS** - Provide about 30 percent extra buying power to families with limited resources. Public Aid recipients are probably eligible, but so are others, depending on household income. Allowances are made for excessive medical, child care, or housing expenses in determining eligibility. Contact your County Public Aid Office for more information.
- **NUTRITION** - Hot, low cost meals are served regularly in group settings. Transportation is sometimes provided to and from the meal site. Phone the Hotline for further information.
- **HOUSING** - Some, but not all, communities in our District provide housing for low and middle income Senior Citizens. Interested persons, 62 or older, should contact their County Housing Authority.
- **OLDER WORKERS PROGRAM** - The State Employment Service sponsors job counseling, placement, referral to training and other services to those whose age is an obstacle to employment. Contact the State Employment Office in your area for further information.
- **DRUG DISCOUNTS** - For information on lower prices on Regular Prescriptions. Write to:

NCSC Prescription Drug Program
126 S. York Road
Hatboro, PA 19040
or

RX Allstates Pharmacy Service
1791 Howard Street
Chicago, IL 60626

- **CAMPING FEE** - Persons 62 through 64 years of age will be able to visit state-managed campgrounds at half rate. Individuals 65 or older, as well as the blind and disabled can now camp without charge.
- **HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE** - Sportsmen 65 years of age or older are exempt from purchasing hunting and fishing licenses.

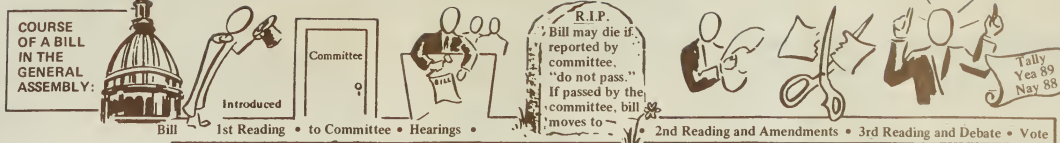
Disabled persons are also exempt from acquiring a hunting license, and both blind and disabled persons no longer will need a fishing license.

Disabled persons and those 65 or over who intend to hunt waterfowl this year, also are exempt from purchasing the new \$5.00 state waterfowl stamp. They will, however, need the federal duck stamp as in the past.

It's advised that a person carry some form of positive identification showing his age such as a driver's license, birth certificate, Medicare card, Golden Age Passport or similar documentation.

- **SENIOR CITIZEN IDENTIFICATION CARD** - The Secretary of State will issue photo identification cards at no charge for persons age 65 or older. Contact your local drivers license examination station or my office.

These are all the current programs I now have information about. As time goes on, I am sure there will be newer and better programs and services. If I can help you in any way, please feel free to write or call me.



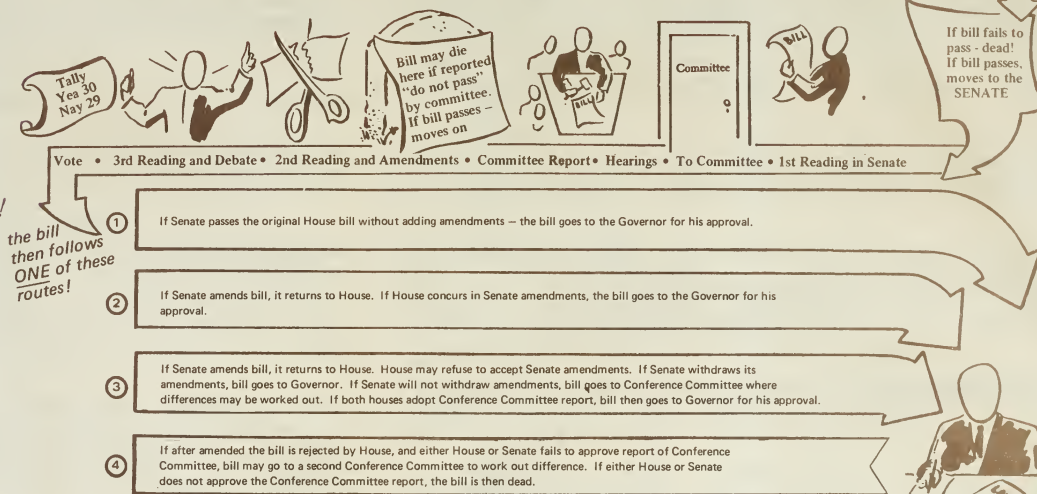
From Bill To Law The Process

*Government is WE not THEY
Let's get involved TOGETHER!*

WRITE YOUR

State Representative
45th District

DONALD B. ANDERSON



HOW YOU CAN HELP A BILL BECOME A LAW

WHEN IT IS JUST A PROBLEM TO YOU.....Write to your representatives and your state senator outlining the issue. Give them background information on causes and effects. Make sure they understand why the problem is important to you and to other people. Urge your friends and neighbors to also write.

WHEN IT IS IN COMMITTEE...Write to the chairman of the committee as well as your own representatives and senator during the passage of the bill under consideration. If you have friends or relatives whose representatives or senators are on the committee, urge them to write on your behalf.

WHEN IT IS UP FOR FLOOR DEBATE...Now is the time to really put

on the heat. Letters, telegrams and phone calls should be used as much as possible to get your representatives and senator to support the measure. Organize letter writing campaigns at your chapter meetings.

WHEN IT GOES TO CONFERENCE...There are usually some efforts to weaken the bill in either the House or Senate. Write to the members of the committee from your district and to any member you feel may want to water down the bill urging them to hold firm.

WHEN IT GOES TO THE GOVERNOR...You should add your voice to the thousands who say to him "sign it" even though you think there is every possibility that he will. The Governor needs to know that there are people who are interested and concerned.

IF IT IS VETOED

WRITE.....PHONE....WIRE AND VISIT.....your representatives whenever it is possible. Do the same for your senator, get everyone you know to write. Make sure the outcome of the vote to override the veto becomes an issue in the minds of everyone.

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LASALLE, ILLINOIS 61301
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Dear Friend:

Every Senior Citizen should know the services provided by the State and Federal Government. I am providing a brief summary of each program for your information.

For additional information, please phone the Senior Citizens Tollfree Hotline, 1-800-252-6565 or phone my office at 1-815-224-1399.

Donald B. Anderson